Please put enclosed for Mary Estlin in an Envelope, & post — I send a stamp.

Leicester, Mass.
April 2. 1867.

Dear friend Webb,

Yours of March 2d — only now 1 month old — has been seemingly a long time in my possession; I lost no time in forwarding Richard's, with a few notes on the back; and, as I am wanting to send a formal kind of note to the London Antisl: office, I will not longer delay in writing you. And first, to thank you for your liberal offer about the "Life of Capt. John Brown" — of which something may come yet. I have been far too busy, since yr. letter came, to do anything about it, — and I shall have no spare time, for nearly 2 months to come, for more than such inquiries as I may incidentally make; but I will certainly see what can be done in bookstores. As I am situated now, I have few or no chances to dispose of them. At the Antisl: office I could do so. But that institution has entirely ceased. Boston has none, Phila. none (beyond a desk in corner of a bookstore), & New York none (save the Editor's room of the "Standard", in 4th story of a business building in one of the most crowded streets, & quite inaccessible to the general public.) But A. M. Powell offers to do what he can in disposing of copies. I am sure his will is good, — but as I hear of no sales of the few copies now there, I do not think it will be possible for him, occupied as he is to do much about it. I shall decide to ask One Dollar and a Quarter for the book hereafter, and put the copies, if I can, in a good bookseller's charge. The account for those books stands about as follows: I received 74 copies (75 copies you sent, as you believed — I have always thought one got taken at our Customhouse.)

For sales of that lot, so far, I have recd		46.10
But Custom house duties & expenses were	8.45	
Expenses on Box in Dublin & Lio., as charged in A. & Webb's account, received Jan. 1863, 15/4 — i.e.	4.98	
Wharfage, Trucking, Postage	1.03	14.46
		31.64
Feb. 15/65. I paid R. F. Wallcut, for "Liberator", by direction of yourself and Miss Estlin		30.—
Balance in my hands,		1.64

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My accounts show I have sold 47 copies – one, at your request, I sent to "Mrs. Edward Brown, Franklin, Portage Co, Ohio", pre-paying postage; which would leave 26 copies in my hands; and of these, 3 are at the New York office, and 4 in the hands of Rev. W. S. Haywood, who long ago undertook to sell them for me, (he being then one of our AntiSl: agents,) but has never made me any return; – the remainder I shall try to dispose of, as before said; and if I meet with fair success, will call upon you for more, perhaps; – health, &c. permitting.

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With regard to the "Nation" I have paid for W. B. Jacob's paper, to May 14. 1867, as by bill sent you,	$ 8.00
For Post office money order, 10 ¢ – postage 9	.19
And for vol. of Charles Lamb – cost & charges about (which book you ought to get some time from the hands of Henry Vincent)	2.00

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And 2 fresh bills have been sent, from "Nation" office, for yourself & Mr. Jacob, for 1 year, $6.50 each – yours commencing Feb. 13/67, & Mr. J.'s May 14/67. Neither of these have I paid, & hold for your advisement. Mr. J.'s, of course, is not due, nor will it be for some time yet.

And so a truce to business, for this time. — You learn from the "Nation", & otherwise, how our little National family is getting along. I trust you see how completely Andrew Johnson is foiled, defeated, check-mated, and despised. He has been an awful thorn; but the Wonder-working Providence which is over us ever makes the wrath of man to praise Him; and A. Johnson, in his obstinacy & self-sufficiency, has subserved an excellent purpose. The country would have taken those rebel scoundrels back again into favor & power quite too easily & forgivingly, had not their cherished spite and craft been brought into daylight by A. Johnson's sympathy & encouragement. Even as it is, they are getting off far too easily, & will come back into Congreſs again far too soon, & not for the Nation's good, I greatly fear. And we should not have had Negro Suffrage throughout the Rebel States, had not A. J.'s policy proved the absolute neceſsity of it. National counsels, I believe, never rise to a high moral plane; and I am sure our National Govt. deserves small respect or credit for acting from a sense of justice, or high regard to the rights of the weak. The people, through Congreſs, have insisted upon certain grand measures, — have carried them — and Andrew Johnson has been compelled to be the agent in carrying them out. What must his feelings have been, — & be, — to see his whole scheme for the restoration of the Rebel States scouted by the people, & Military rule restored throughout those States — this too over his vetoes, (which now have only the effect to increase the majorities against him) — and to be compelled to make the appointments of 5 Generals of the Army to command those Rebel States, & compel his Provisional & other Governments there to carry out the laws of the land! It has been a severe fight; yet the results are well worth the contest. Congreſs now has adjourned until July, — and will only meet then to speedily adjourn, provided the President and Mr. Seward abstain from serious mischief in the interim.

Mr. Garrison has quite determined to go to Europe, & will sail hence about the middle of May. His daughter & her husband (H. Villard) — also, his youngest son (F. Jackson G.) who went out to join them on acct. of his health — have engaged rooms in Paris & written with the greatest urgency to him to join them. He is called upon to attend the AntiSlavery Conference at Paris, & of course will be the best poſsible Representative there of American AntiSlavery. And the Amn. Freedmen's Commiſsion have specially appointed him, with

Wm. C. Bryant, and Mr. Hammond of Chicago,
to represent them on that occasion. He will sail direc
France. From Paris he will go to England, desiring
says to "take a last, earthly farewell" of his old
Antisl: friends & coworkers in G. B. & Ireland; & while the
will do some work for the Freedmen, if the opportunity o
– The "Independent" says that Robt. Purvis, & Mary Grew,
possibly W. Phillips, will be at the Paris Conference, as
of the Amn. Antisl: Socy. But I had a note from M. Gre
only 2 or 3 days since, & she said nothing about going, bu
urged our coming on to visit her, at Phila., as if she w
to be there. Quite likely, I think, Purvis will go. I doub
if either of the others goes. Have you heard the
Mary Estlin thinks of coming to this country this sum
How delighted we should be to see her! But if Garri
should be away, & perhaps Phillips, & Mary Grew, i
would make quite a difference to her, I should think
– If she comes, and bears the voyage well, we sha
not despair of seeing you yet, in the flesh, in Americ

Should you go to Paris, how pleasant to both you and
Garrison to meet, & sit together in that Conference! I hop
you and your daughters will be able to go.

Mrs. May sends her love to you, & wishes me to say
that she designs to send you, by Mr. Garrison, (if Convem
for him to take them) Whittier's "Snow Bound", and his "Ten
the Beach" – his last 2 publications, – small books. – But per
you have them? There will be time to hear from you bef
G. goes. Let her send them, if you have them not, or woul
like them. – George Thompson is feeble in health & poor.
He has lost some excellent oppos. for lecturing, from sheer inabi
keep engagements. He wd. like to go with Garrison, but the means
and we are making an effort to get something for him. But he wou
come back here, Garrison says; inasmuch as there is an opening f
lectures here, but none in England. — Prescott was the a
in Boston Society, so far as a blind man could be in it. He was of the
best family & culture – always conservative – perhaps over-nice & sensiti

He could see a principle in the past, better than apply it in the present. Affly Yours Saml May Jr.